

Example 6. Two unknown charges have a force between them of 5.6 N. How will that force change if:

- a) one of the charges is tripled?
- b) one charge is halved and the other quadrupled?
- c) the distance between them halved?
- d) both charges are doubled and the distance tripled?

a) $F \propto Q$

$$\therefore \text{new } F = 5.6 \times 3 = \boxed{16.8 \text{ N}}$$

b) $F \propto Q$ and $F \propto q$

$$\therefore \text{new } F = 5.6 \times \frac{1}{2} \times 4 = \boxed{11.2 \text{ N}}$$

c) $F \propto \frac{1}{r^2}$

$$\therefore \text{new } F = 5.6 \times \frac{1}{.5^2} = \boxed{22.4 \text{ N}}$$

d) $\text{new } F = 5.6 \times 2 \times 2 \times \frac{1}{3^2}$

$$= \boxed{2.49 \text{ N}}$$